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town, between 5 and 10 deaths occurring daily. It is thought that on account of the cooler weather the disease will soon disappear.

Respectfully, yours,

DAVID J. HILL,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

COLOMBIA.

Yellow fever in Panama.

PANAMA, *September 19, 1899.*

SIR: The health of Panama continues to be bad. Yellow fever is still in existence, although not quite so bad as it has been. There is at present date only 1 case under treatment in the hospitals. There have been something like 6 or 7 cases in the last two weeks, and of these the greater percentage recovered.

Respectfully, yours,

FRANCIS GUDGER,
United States Vice-Consul General.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

CUBA.

Report from Havana.

HAVANA, CUBA, *September 26, 1899.*

SIR: I have the honor to report as follows for the week just ended: There has been an increase of yellow fever among the Americans. Ten new cases have been reported for the week ended September 22, all civilians. Seven of the 10 were Americans, 1 a Spaniard, 1 a German, and 1 a Frenchman. Two of the cases were brought into port. During the same week there were 4 deaths from yellow fever.

The Ward Line steamer *Vigilancia* apparently brought a case of yellow fever from New York. She arrived September 11, 1899, with Sister Maria Angehelas, from France en route to Mexico, via New York and Havana. She was taken sick the day the boat came into port, and died six days later of a well-marked case of yellow fever. We can only explain this curious fact by believing that the *Vigilancia* was infected. The boat is at present in Mexican waters, but will shortly return to this port, and will be thoroughly gone over upon her arrival.

The British cattle steamer *India* brought the other case into port. She made the round trip from here to Tampico, and it is very likely that the infection was taken on board at this port. The case, a sailor, was sent to the yellow fever hospital. The cattle were disembarked and the boat sent to sea for a thorough mechanical cleansing, after which she was disinfected by the *Protector*.

The only other case of yellow fever occurring in the harbor was a Spaniard from the schooner launch *San Fernando*. The launch was disinfected. The remaining 2 men of the crew being immunes, she was no further detained.

The *Protector* had a very busy week of it; in addition to the above vessels she disinfected the British steamer *Widdrington*, the American schooner *Bently*, the large Spanish liner *Conde Wilfredo*, and 3 viveros, also the *Highlands*.